

EDITORIALS

Give for Torrance

Those individuals who perennially complain about Torrance not having a float in the Pasadena Rose Parade have an opportunity to end their complaints once and for all. They can send a donation right now to the Chamber of Commerce.

The people of this city must raise \$5000 at a time when individuals and corporations are beset with all the other high costs of living and in the midst of other special local fund appeals. Yet, the amount is small when it is considered that Torrance now has a population of more than 93,000. Simple arithmetic should supply a quick answer in the mind of anyone who really wants to play a small part in helping to see his home town advertised to the world.

If you want to feel good on New Year's Day, why don't you sit down right now and mail a check for whatever you can afford to the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association in care of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1345 El Prado.

Honor for Mr. Chace

Because he represents the majority of Torrance area residents as their supervisor, the community can take pardonable pride in the elevation of Burton W. Chace to the chairmanship of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors.

Selection by his colleagues of Mr. Chace is timely, not only because the county can use his vigorous leadership, but because the Chace philosophy of economy and sanity in public spending are needed more, perhaps, than at any time in history.

Members of the Board constantly are under pressure from interests within their districts (and Mr. Chace's is more sprawling and checkered than any other) and a conscientious official is finding it more and more difficult to keep his constituents happy while still conscientiously serving the over-all needs of the county.

It is our opinion that Supervisor Chace has done a very good job, one worthy of the respect of anyone who is not blinded by political partisanship or insulated by personal interests.

He will have the good wishes of every conscientious citizen who is willing to pay his part in local and county government when it is assured that his elected representatives are at least trying conscientiously to get the most out of every dollar expended.

Opinions of Others

The destiny of America in the days ahead is wrapped up in the substance of the education being given the generation now in junior high schools, senior high schools, and colleges throughout our country.

People are what they are taught to be, and we are either teaching this generation of youth to be grateful, intelligent, responsible, resourceful custodians of the American heritage of freedom, or we are teaching them in a manner that will cause them to lose their freedom and nullify the magnificent progress of this great nation—Dr. George S. Benson, President, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas.

"An article in the current Aviation Week magazine blows the wraps of secrecy off an important long-range radar installation set up in Turkey by the United States to keep watch on Russia's missile program. In an accompanying editorial the magazine's editor justifies this seeming breach of national security by remarking that the radar observation program was a secret from no one but the vast majority of the American people."—Chester, S. C. Reporter.

"Since its establishment in the United States in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America have touched the lives of 26,000,000 American boys and their adult leaders. . . . Chartered by the Congress of the United States, the organization seeks to promote the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues."—Norwalk, Conn., Hour.

"Whether the nation's taxpayers really bit into the seat of government spending or merely came out of the 1957 Federal budget battle with a piece of cloth in their mouths still remains to be seen."—Sterling, Ill., Daily Gazette.

"By the time a man is fixed for life he has about worried himself to death."—Winnemucca, Nev., Humboldt Star.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

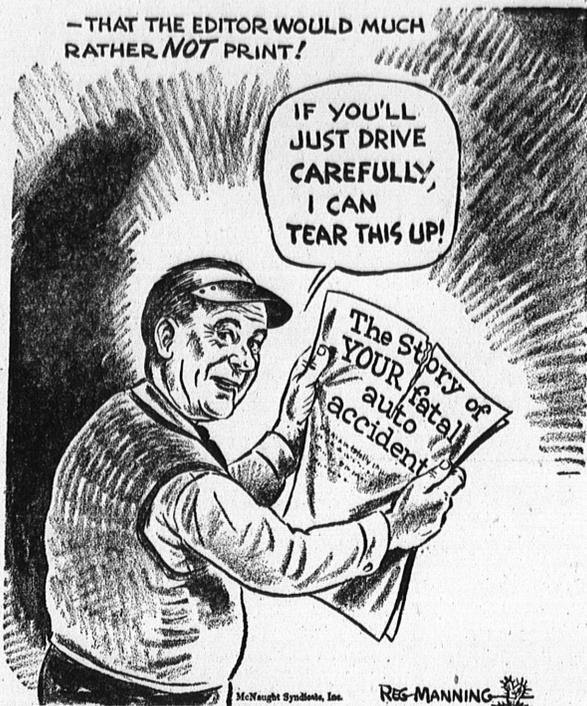
Your Daily Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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11-14-29-40	3 Cooperative	33 During	63 Through
48-64-73	4 May	34 To	64 And
MAY 21	5 Be	35 Morning	65 Symptom
6 6-17-19	6 Adventures	36 Wishes	66 And
72-78-85-87	7 Judgment	37 Too	67 Get
JUNE 21	8 Bet	38 During	68 Cutting
9 Ways	9 Encourages	39 Ideas	69 Ideas
10 Nervous	10 At	40 Use	70 Take
11 You'll	11 Frustrating	41 Use	71 Take
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One Christmas Story—

—THAT THE EDITOR WOULD MUCH RATHER NOT PRINT!



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Freeloaders on Pension Plan

Dear Ann: I hope you won't think I'm a wacko but here is my story.

I saw a picture of a very beautiful young lady in the society section of this newspaper two months ago. I wrote her a little note and said she looked like the kind of person I'd like to know better. My letter was not fresh, just friendly.

Inside of a week she answered with a nice note, saying she wasn't the least bit offended at my approach; in fact, she was flattered. She asked me to send her a picture of myself.

I went to the best photographer in town and had three different poses made. It's been four weeks since I mailed the pictures and I haven't heard a word from her. Do you think perhaps she was disappointed in my looks? Please give it to me straight.—Fleetwood

Dear Fleetwood: What else?

Dear Ann: I'm a man almost 70 who is coming to you for help with a problem, I cannot solve alone. I'm on social security and get only \$80 a month.

My wife can't go anywhere unless I drive her in the car. She has many friends and they all enjoy a pleasant social life. Most of her companions are widows her own age. Money is no problem to them as they are well fixed.

Because I'm the only man in the crowd I always get stuck for treats and sandwiches, parking fees, and of course gasoline and oil. No one ever offers to pick up a check or fill the tank.

I am fed up on this but I don't know how to get out of it. I've had to cash in some of my bonds in order to meet our daily expenses. Any advice you can give will be welcome.—J. S.

I doubt that you've had to sell your bonds in order to buy sandwiches for your wife's friends. Apparently you're living too high (rent, food, clothing, entertainment) and you ought to re-examine your expenditures.

So long as you are driving your wife anyway, what difference does it make if there are two in the car or six? If you've been adding mileage by going out of your way, then tell the women that the taxi service originates and terminates at your address. And there's no good reason to provide free snacks if this is a financial hardship. Just ask your wife to avoid the girls at mealtime.

Dear Ann: What can be done about adolescent parents? We often hear about kids who fight among themselves but what about parents who get into scrapes and yell at each other until past midnight?

My dad has a favorite gag he pulls on Mom and it makes her hopping mad. He takes pictures of her while she's asleep with her mouth open, and crazy things like that. He gives these pictures to friends and relatives and she just burns.

We are six kids in the family and want to know what to do about parents who act so childish. They both read your column every day and maybe if you'll let them know how their behavior looks in print, they'll settle down. Please help us.—A. G.

Your parents sound as if they are too far gone for retraining. However, continue to set a good example for these over-grown juvenile delinquents and let them know what you think of such clowning around. Let's hope you can shame them into settling down.

Heart sick: A business dinner that winds up at 11 bells is not a "wild party." If you have to put up with this once a year it shouldn't kill you.

A Gal In Love: Yes—a 19-year-old girl should be able to make this decision . . . without Mother's direction.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Let's Put Up the Yule Tree

Christmas spirit is something like a coffee pot. It takes a while to get it percolating.

Although we started hearing Christmas carols before Thanksgiving, it usually takes us a couple of weeks to realize that it won't be long before the jolly old gent with the whiskers will soon appear.

A few wise people started getting ready in October, but most of us will be in there slugging it out at the last-minute scramble. One of the first considerations in most households, especially those where there are lots of little feet patterning about, will be the purchase of the Christmas tree. This creates a number of problems.

How big a tree should be purchased and where should it set up? This raises another problem—what to do with the new table that is sitting where the tree should go. Often this brings reconsideration of the whole plan and somebody suggests, "Maybe we should just get a little tree this year to set on the table."

Nonetheless, to Junior and Susie, there is nothing more exciting than a big tree and the chances are that Dad will

be elected to go after a ceiling scratcher which will cover the whole car as he brings it home.

Dad also will be called to shift the urn in the living room (a little project which Mom had been considering for some time anyway).

When the hulking green giant has been studied on its base, the family suddenly will have to unravel a mystery: Where are the Christmas tree ornaments? They sat in the hall closet until about Feb. 1, but after that, nobody can quite remember what happened to them.

After a long and frustrating search, the baubles will be found at the bottom of a pile of boxes on the top shelf out in the garage. While Dad is at it, Mom will mention that the garage badly needs cleaning.

The family will discover to their horror that half the ornaments have been smashed because somebody set a box of books on top of the decoration box. Once the good ornaments have been brought into the living room, another problem will arise: Since the ornaments are old, wouldn't a complete set of new ones be

nice? Besides, some of the old ones look pretty weather-beaten. The Smiths next door have a tree shimmering with all-new blue ornaments.

Once Dad has pooh-poohed this idea, everybody will go to work with a vengeance, smashing a few more of the gaily colored balls and scattering tinsel all over. Junior will threaten the stability of the tree by getting his foot caught in one of the silver ropes that are being strung around it.

Once decorated, the tree will look slightly nude because of the absence of the broken ornaments. Besides, a few of the light bulbs will be burned out. This will mean another trip to the drug store to pick up some more of the pretties to complete the finery on the tree.

Although Mom and Dad probably will be exhausted by the time the tree has gotten the full treatment, the kids will be poking their fingers at the ornaments and squealing with delight.

The fact that the kids are pleased will make it all seem worth while because that's what Christmas really is for. Isn't it?

REYNOLDS KNIGHT

New Centers Go Back to Pros

It seems only yesterday that many merchandising experts were saying that suburban shopping offered boundless opportunities for investors as well as for the retailer.

Lately there have been signs that not all is rosy with some of the big suburban developments. At least two huge Eastern centers have wound up in bankruptcy court. Another in the East and one in the Midwest have been put up for sale. Of five other big shopping enterprises, none of the developers has yet made a profit on its principal business—the rental of retail space.

However, success stories are being written by many tenants. Among these are the suburban offspring of the downtown department stores, many of which have benefited from concessions made by the developers anxious to get a "name" tenant. On the other hand, some retail chains, mainly specialty stores, are stiffening in their resistance to big rents, with the result that the developer again is caught in the squeeze. These sorry lessons have tended to weed out the promoters. The new centers contemplated are being developed by experienced merchandisers.

MONEY IN THE BANK—An easing of the tight money situation may get most of the 1958 headlines with respect to housing activities, but there's another helpful factor. The new housing market depends in great measure on the trading in of older houses, whether this is done directly to the seller of the new ones or in separate transactions.

The Gas Appliance Manufacturers Assn., selling in both markets, declares that our growing population makes it certain that the country is going to need its modernized older homes as well as many more new ones. And it shows that the huge sums Americans have spent adding to and improving their dwellings can help provide a

basis for more lively trading in real estate markets. Thus a new kitchen, laundry or heating system isn't just something for comfort and convenience today. It's almost like money in the bank when the family feels ready to step up to a new and larger house.

THINGS TO COME—With parking space at a premium these days, here's a commercial development that would please many pleasure car drivers: A four-speed forward and four-speed-reverse dump truck that can turn around in a radius of 96 inches while carrying loads up to two and one-half tons. . . . One new cigarette case has a built-in music box, guaranteed not to play cigarette commercials. . . . And a new lighter on the market does away with liquid fuel, wicks and flints. It uses a replaceable propane cartridge.

FACTS VS. FANTASY—Today, as science fiction becomes more and more factual, two national magazines, with a keen sense of editorial timing went behind the scenes at one of the firms leading in industrial wizardry, Minneapolis Honeywell. M-H makes 12,740 automatic devices that do everything from steering a jet to keeping snakes happy in the zoo. As of today this world leader in automation is doing such varied chores as: producing electronic household thermostats with sensing elements, a strand of wire 25 ten-thousandths of an inch in diameter, costing \$2,500,000, and fantastically sensitive gyroscope systems to guide the U. S.'s earth satellite.

Some things that are in the offing for A. D. 2000, which the M-H scientists insist are not "blue-sky" but conservative predictions, include: Household electronic dirt and dust traps that will completely eliminate cleaning, dining-room tables that will swallow dishes where they will be cleaned and stacked, roads and streets replaced by a net-

work of pneumatic tubes, outdoor sports stadiums heated and cooled as effectively as enclosed areas, and coded television services that will make contents of the world's greatest libraries and schools available to anyone at home.

WANING WORK WEEK—If anyone two decades ago predicted a 35-hour work week he would have been termed a dreamer indeed. Any labor union would have been hard put to sign up members on the basis of such a promise.

But the fact is that the work week is shrinking steadily, especially among office workers, where unions are still comparatively weak. A survey by the National Office Management Assn. reveals that nearly all American office employees work 40 hours or less. And in cities like New York, Houston and a few others the 35-hour week is now standard (five days of work, 9 to 5 with an hour off for lunch).

The survey finds that more than 92 per cent of the 5,000 companies polled work five days a week, and only seven per cent work five and a half days, while hardly any cling to a six-day week. In Canada, almost 100 per cent of the office employees are 37-hour-a-week workers.

BITS O' BUSINESS—Hold on to the old homestead, Mother! Farm values jumped an average of eight per cent during the year ended July 1—biggest increase in farm land value since 1951. . . . Major life insurance companies invested \$2.8 billion in loans on dwellings and business property during the first ten months of 1957, compared with \$4 million during the like 1956 period. Mortgages represented 34.7 per cent of these firms' total investments, government bonds 62.9 per cent. . . . U. S. corporations raised a record \$9.9 billion through sale of securities during the first nine months of 1957, a gain of \$2 billion over the amount offered during the like period of 1956.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

Some Holiday Safety Hints

Ever conscious of his role as public relations director for the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council, Don Perkins has issued a list of hazards which he cautions the natives to heed during the holiday season.

For instance, Don says, take the unhealthy situation that can develop when you and your spouse have decided to be sensible and give each other only practical gifts. Don't to a woman, a fur coat is a practical way to shake a cold, he says. Forget about bedding, kitchen utensils, and the like. Get something fancy and you'll be a lot safer.

And, be careful what you pick out for Junior, Don warns. Some of the electronic toys that come ready to be assembled these days are in the Sputnik class. You

can become the laughing stock of the block if you're not able to assemble them. The kids may taunt you into it, but play it safe by recognizing your limitations in advance.

There's more: You can cause considerable family friction if you fail to exercise care in selecting gifts for older relatives. Heating pads, vitamin pills, hot water bottles, hearing aids, etc., need as they may be, can stir up a real fracas with sensitive oldsters, he advises.

And Don's final advice is "Don't give gifts that might have to be exchanged." This is a sure way to stir up en-

imity, he claims. No one has ever exchanged a gift without checking the price, and invariably, the gift that has to be exchanged is the cheapest one you bought.

"We hope these tips will make your Christmas a safer one," the Safety Council official concluded.

And, just to show the range of his interests, Perkins is the same man who reported this week that some of the boys in Las Vegas are trying to shoot a table into space.

"They want to have a floating crap game," he reports.

It's a good thing their table ideas wasn't part of the Vanguard project.

TODAY'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 To memorize
4 To tolerate
7 Passed swiftly
12 Eggs
13 Heraldic
14 Part
15 Convened
16 Docile
17 Tomcat
18 Thick of shrubs
20 Destruction
21 Artificial language
22 Atmosphere
23 Volume
27 Adversary
29 Grampus
30 Agree
31 King of Bashan
32 Clad in loo
33 Fouch
34 Article
35 Cheerless
37 Tomcat
38 Unit
39 Dispatched
40 To dart
41 100 square meters
42 To drag
43 Violent gust of wind
44 Clumsily
45 Prefix: new
46 Mother of Zeus
47 Prophet
48 Pickle fish
49 Rabbit
50 Wife of Gerant
51 Sea eagle
DOWN

1 To search systematically
2 Above amorously
3 Espousal
4 The one and the other
5 To blunder
6 Conqueror of Rome
7 To happen
8 Disparaging
9 Wildly moved
10 Tennis stroke
11 Cloth measure
12 Tiny
13 Note of scale
14 Therefore
15 To furnish with
16 Siberian river
17 Of little value
18 Slave
19 Puts aside
20 To eye
21 Angrily
22 Acorn-bearing tree
23 To poke
24 Course

33 To taste
36 Half an em
37 Very precious
38 Reddish yellow
39 of a circle
40 Pocketbook
41 Man's nickname
43 Cinderlike lava
44 American explorer
45 To blank
46 Ripped
47 Part
48 Whisker
49 Inflight
50 Garland

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

Thursday's Puzzle Answer

ACROSS
1 A
2 B
3 C
4 D
5 E
6 F
7 G
8 H
9 I
10 J
11 K
12 L
13 M
14 N
15 O
16 P
17 Q
18 R
19 S
20 T
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